



## FIRST THINGS FIRST

Grants Received		
Grant Title/Number	Description	Status
Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS)	This grant award supports the FTF Children's Budget project, a "Cost of Quality" study, coordination with the Arizona Department of Health Services, and a collaboration project with the Intertribal Council.	2010-2011 grant award received in the amount of \$105,000.
Grant Opportunities and Federal Legislation Pending Action		
Zero To Three, Technical Assistance	Technical assistance in expanding and integrating Early Head Start as part of the early childhood system so that more infants and toddlers receive high-quality services.	Arizona was selected for a second round of TA pending additional funding to Zero to Three. Additional funds have not yet become available for a second round.
2007 Head Start Reauthorization, State Advisory Council	<p>One time funding included with the 2007 reauthorization of Head Start to support and early childhood system building in states. Arizona is eligible for \$2.3 million which must be matched with 70 percent state funds. Applications may be submitted up to August 1, 2010.</p> <p>On August 9, states were invited to apply for up to \$200,000 in supplemental grant funds. The deadline for submission is September 1, 2010</p>	<p>The Governor signed and FTF submitted an application for total grant funds of \$2.3M to support the Quality First Pilot and the development and dissemination of the Infant/Toddler Guidelines. Approval is pending.</p> <p>FTF has submitted an "intent to apply" for \$200,000 of supplemental funds and will submit an application by September 1, 2010.</p>
Race To The Top (RTTT)	<p>The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) allocated \$4.3 billion for Race To The Top competitive grants. This federal grant program is designed to encourage and reward implementation of significant education reforms across four specific areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standards and Assessments</li> <li>Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems/Use</li> <li>Great Teachers, Great Leaders</li> <li>Support to Struggling Schools</li> </ul> <p>The second round of Race To The Top applications from states were due June 1, 2010.</p>	<p>Arizona submitted a revised RTTT application June 1, 2010. FTF provided early childhood education content for the grant narrative on the four core areas required in the RTTT application and also provided a letter of support signed by Director Allvin. Arizona was selected in the top 19. A state team appeared before a panel in DC last week.</p>

<p>Early Learning Challenge Fund</p>	<p>In late July, the Senate Labor, Health, and Human Services Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations proposed significant investments in early childhood programs, including \$1 billion in new funds for the Child Care and Development Block Grant, an increase of \$990.3 million for Head Start and Early Head Start. The bill includes \$300 million for a new <b>Early Learning Challenge Fund</b> that will provide competitive grants to states to raise the bar for early childhood programs. The Early Learning Challenge Fund will encourage states to coordinate quality improvement activities across early learning settings, including child care, Head Start and pre-kindergarten programs; expand the number of low-income children in high-quality programs; and ensure that more children enter kindergarten ready to succeed. These investments were part of the subcommittee's plan for FY 2011 funding for agencies under its jurisdiction.</p>	<p>These recommendations were included in SB 3686 which was introduced in the Senate on August 2, 2010. Full Senate approval is pending, and FTF staff is following progress.</p>
<p>H.R. 3590: Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Formerly America's Healthy Futures Act of 2009)</p>	<p>The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act establishes a home visiting grant program for states administered through the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) as a new section of the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) block grant program. It provides \$1.5 billion over 5 years for maternal, infant and early childhood home visitation programs. Grantees are required to use an evidence-based program model with a benchmark component that measures: improvement in maternal and child health, childhood injury prevention, school readiness and achievement, crime or domestic violence, family economic self-sufficiency, and coordination with community resources and supports.</p> <p><b>Funding Breakdown:</b>  \$1.5 billion* over 5 years  \$100M for FY2010  \$250M for FY2011  \$350M for FY2012</p>	<p>ADHS as the Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant agency for Arizona was designated by Governor Brewer to submit Arizona's application for planning funds. Total funding available to Arizona for planning and program implementation is 1.7 million.</p> <p>The Statewide Home Visiting Task Force plan facilitated by FTF was a resource document for this application.</p> <p>ADHS received a "notice of grant award" to proceed with the planning stage of this grant program. FTF policy staff members participate as members of</p>



	<p>\$400M for FY2013 \$400M for FY2014 <i>*State and Federal Reservations Apply</i></p> <p>It requires states to complete a needs assessment to identify communities that have few quality home visitation programs and are at risk for poor maternal and child health as a pre-condition for receiving the home visiting funds.</p>	<p>the steering committee organized by ADHS to guide the needs assessment process and guide program development. Applications for program funding are due mid-September, 2010.</p>
HR 3047, Balancing Act of 2009,	<p>Legislation would make available funding to support a range of family support activities in states. It was referred to the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• House Administration Committee</li> <li>• House Armed Services Committee</li> <li>• House Education and Labor Committee,</li> <li>• House Oversight and Government Reform Committee</li> <li>• House Ways and Means Committee</li> </ul>	Not scheduled in any committee for hearing.
Promise Neighborhoods	<p>The Promise Neighborhoods initiative makes \$10 million available in fiscal 2010 to support up to 20 organizations with one year of funding to plan for the implementation of cradle-to-career services designed to improve educational outcomes for students in distressed neighborhoods. Promise Neighborhoods, established under the legislative authority of the Fund for the Improvement of Education Program (FIE), provides funding to support eligible entities, including (1) nonprofit organizations, which may include faith-based nonprofit organizations, and (2) institutions of higher education.</p> <p>The program is intended to significantly improve the educational and developmental outcomes of all children in our most distressed communities, including rural and tribal communities, and to transform those communities.</p>	<p>An application has been submitted by Arizona State University, Office of the Vice President for Education Partnerships. The Balsz Elementary School District regional boundaries have been selected as the planning site. <b>The Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council</b> has established a Memorandum of Understanding with ASU as a collaborating partner to implement this grant.</p> <p>An application is also submitted by the Tucson's Flowing Wells 85705 Promise Neighborhoods Partnership. The partnership includes La Paloma Family Services, the Flowing Wells School District, Arizona Center for the Study of Children and Families, University of Arizona, and</p>

		<p><b>First Things First Central Pima Regional Partnership Council.</b> The Central Pima Regional Partnership council has pledged \$30,000 in one- time matching funds in support of the application. Grantee selection is anticipated in mid- September.</p>
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